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Women's Coats, Special, \$5.95

Semi-fitting Coats, 28 inches long, lined with satin; well-made & finished; excellent quality cloth in black only. \$5.95 is a little price, but it will buy a big value in Coats to-day.

Unfinished Coats, 35 inches long, black only, semi-fitting, lined with good satin, front trimmed with large cloth-covered buttons.	Empire-Back Coats, 35 inches long, black only, semi-fitting, lined with good satin, front trimmed with large cloth-covered buttons.	Striped Cheviot Coats, 35 inches long, black only, semi-fitting, lined with good satin, front trimmed with large cloth-covered buttons.
\$12.50	\$10.00	\$3.89

Children's Coats, \$2.50, \$2.75 & \$3

Every garment in the lot is new & under price—the value running from \$2.25 to \$4.25.

Stylish, well-made Coats for youngsters between 2 & 6 years old. Copenhagen blue & brown.

NO LIQUOR FIGHT UNDER SIXTY DAYS

Question of Local Option Elections to Rest Until After League Meeting in February.

Efforts of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, according to a statement made over the long distance telephone from Blacksburg yesterday afternoon by the Rev. James Cannon, Jr., chairman of the legislative committee of the organization, will next be directed toward the larger cities of the State, including Newburg, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Petersburg and Richmond. This may be the last of the cities in which a local option election will be held, but that such an election will be held is Dr. Cannon's assurance.

"Although liquor fights will be made in all sections where intoxicants are now sold," says Dr. Cannon, "it is not the purpose of the league to have a fight until after the annual meeting of the league, which will be held in Norfolk, February 10th. We are much pleased with results thus far, and will not attempt to carry any city dry until an agitation of the question and an education of people to our views has been attempted. It would only injure our work to attempt anything rash or foolhardy, and we will carefully safeguard any movement we may make."

He stated that the league will be held, and will be unable to give any definite information along this line until after the convention, but judge it will be more than sixty days before we make a further effort in any community."

An executive committee will be elected at the convention in Norfolk, which will in turn name the officers of the league. Dr. Cannon would not discuss the probabilities of the subject of State-wide prohibition being held next month, although it is generally believed that this will be the chief feature of the sessions.

GOT DIAMONDS FROM YOUNG BOYS

Admitted Entering Home of W. J. Miller and Stealing Jewels.

Reynold Dawes, Henry Savage and Charles Blakey, three small white boys, the oldest of whom is only thirteen or fourteen years of age, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Captain McMahon on suspicion of having committed the diamond robbery, whereby W. J. Miller, of No. 212 East Marshall Street, lost more than \$300 worth of jewelry about a week ago.

The three youngsters were seen prowling about the neighborhood again yesterday afternoon, and some one, suspecting their intentions, notified police headquarters. Captain McMahon caught them, and, after being severely cross-questioned, they practically confessed having committed the robbery. The Savage boy admitted that he got possession of the rings, and informed the officer that he had given them to the two cooks in his mother's boarding house. He had given two to one and the third to the other.

On the boarding house the two cooks displayed great ignorance as to the jewels, but when the officer placed them under arrest they gave up, and said that they were to be found in a trunk in their house on North Second Street.

Bad Boys, Say Police.

It was at dinner time that the officer entered the house, and the two women were preparing the dinner table. It caused some little anxiety as to whether they would be able to continue their services, but they were allowed to return to their duties.

The three boys are declared by the police to be reprobates, and they admitted having entered other houses, but said they got nothing else. One of them was caught recently by a woman in her bed room. As she entered suddenly upon him he took a seat in a rocking-chair and began to rock vigorously. She thought at first that it was one of her own children, and greeted him. When she discovered her mistake she drove him out at the end of a broom handle.

STUART STANDS WELL

Private Secretary to Candidate for Governor Says Outlook Is Good.

Mr. W. H. Gordon, private secretary to the Hon. Henry C. Stuart, a prominent candidate for the gubernatorial nomination at the Democratic primary the coming summer, has lately returned from an extended trip through the State, and when asked last night at Murphy's Hotel, he declared that he highly rated over the political situation from a Stuart standpoint of view.

"Everywhere I have been," he said, "I find the masses of people enthusiastic over Mr. Stuart's candidacy. It was surprising to find them so alive to the political situation, and so well aware of Mr. Stuart's record. They know him as the nephew of the famous Jim Stuart, the energetic member of the House of Representatives."

He said that he had seen many of the members of the Virginia Association of the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, which is held in the lecture-room of Dr. Cecil Presbyterian Church, Fifth Street between Main and Franklin, Monday, January 4th, at 8 P. M. The change is made because of the government work next to the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society.

Virginia in Philadelphia. William H. Hays, Jr., of Philadelphia, John T. Dorset, William L. Carpenter and W. H. Renshaw, of Richmond, were registered at the New Brighton Hotel, Philadelphia, yesterday.

BURNED TO DEATH AS SANTA CLAUS

Carl Chalkley, of Drewry's Bluff, Wore Costume of Beloved Saint When It Caught Afire.

FLAMES WORKED RAPIDLY

Father Rushed to Son's Assistance, and Is Badly Injured in Effort to Save Him.

Carl Chalkley, six years old, of Drewry's Bluff, Chesterfield county, youngest son of Thomas Chalkley, a merchant of that place, was burned to death yesterday morning, when a Santa Claus suit, in which he had appeared at a Baptist Sunday school entertainment the night before, and which he had worn for his own amusement, caught from a red hot stove in his father's store. Death resulted at 8:30 o'clock last night, after terrible suffering.

The father and son were together in the store, when the former went out into the yard. He was not more than fifty yards from the building, when he was startled by the boy's screams and turning, saw him rush from the store with flames encircling his head and body.

Going to the child's assistance, he grasped him in his arms, but the flames had played their part rapidly, and before they were out the boy was unconscious.

Could Not Save His Life. Drs. Ragland, of Centralia, and Oscar S. Owen, of Manchester, were called. The best efforts availed nothing. The Santa Claus costume, which was of flimsy material, which burned rapidly, and the hairy beard also served to increase the chances of escape, once his clothing was aflame, the mother's hands were burned so badly that he is unable to use them.

A neighbor, who tells of the accident, states that when the father left the store the child was standing near the counter. No explanation can be given of the remarkable circumstances in which the accident occurred. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

BERKELEY STILL AGROUND

Stuck in Mud Near City Point, and Tugs Go to Pull Her Out.

Up to a late hour last night the Old Dominion Steamship Company had heard nothing of the river steamer Berkeley, which has been aground at the mouth of the Appomattox River, near City Point, since Wednesday night, when, on account of the heavy fog, she got out of the channel and stuck in the mud.

Tugs and barges have been sent to the aid of the Berkeley, and it is expected that she will be floated some time to-day. Part of the cargo will be landed on the wharf, and the tug will resume her trip this morning.

STERNHEIMER GOES OVER

Junk Dealer Says He Is Prepared to Recede.

The case against Frederick Sternheimer, the Brook Avenue junk dealer, was continued in the Police Court yesterday morning to January 6th in order to give counsel for the defense time to prepare his case. The police will proceed along the line that Sternheimer received the brasses unlawfully, and that he had them packed for shipment to a house in Philadelphia. They were found in the freight depot of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

The law makes it a felony to receive stolen railroad brasses, and the junk dealer is preparing to make a strong fight. He protests his innocence, and says that there has been a mistake, which will be cleared up when the case comes to trial. He was bailed in the sum of \$1,000.

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TO HOLD CONFERENCES OF PERSONAL WORKERS

Mr. Ralph C. Norton, in general charge of personal work in the Chamber of Commerce, will reach here to-day.

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FRIENDS KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

Wife of Former Consul to Messina, Wintering Here, Is Cabled About Disaster.

Mrs. Caughy, wife of the American consul to Malaga, Spain, who is spending the winter months with her sisters at No. 219 Governor Street, received a cablegram from her husband yesterday, stating that many of her friends were killed in the earthquake which destroyed Messina. Mrs. Caughy was, until fourteen months ago, the wife of John H. Caughy, of the City and County of New York, who was stationed for fourteen years. Mrs. Caughy was formerly Miss Higgins, daughter of the late John Higgins, of this city.

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MUCH PETTY STEALING

Reena Harris Believed to Be Mainly Responsible, but Reports Still Come In.

Reena Harris (colored), charged with having stolen wearing apparel from Mrs. A. E. Court yesterday morning to January 1st, is a petty thief, and it is believed that she can account for a greater part of it. Among the property recovered is a pretty brown dress, made up of good material, and a baggy robe, black on one side and decorated with green and red rose patterns on the other.

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HUNDREDS CALL SPINNERS MEET AT THE MANSION

Brilliant Public Reception Tendered by Governor and Mrs. Swanson.

DECORATIONS ELABORATE

Flowers Banked in Every Direction, and Occasion Greatly Enjoyed.

Between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock last night a steady stream of men and women passed in and out the Governor's mansion, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Association of Cotton Spinners and Weavers, which was held at the reception tendered the public by the Governor and Mrs. Swanson.

The affair was a most brilliant and enjoyable one, and the beauty and chivalry of both the city and State were well represented among those who called during the evening to wish the Governor and the mistress of the Virginia White House a happy and prosperous New Year.

The scheme of decoration was unusually artistic and elaborate, the effect being heightened by the improvements made in the interior of the building since last New Year, especially in the reception parlor, where the walls were freshly hung with pale blue silk paper.

Mrs. Swanson's taste for pink was shown in pink roses, which with mignonette and maiden-hair ferns were lavishly used.

The halls were covered with Southern smilax, the color contrast being found in Richmond roses and poinsettias, sprays of holly and mistletoe popping here and there to furnish the needed holiday idea.

Both in hall and drawing-rooms palms furnished a background whereon the colors of the red and green of the halls. The gray and cardinal tones of the dining-room were warmed by the glow of American lanterns, which come next to pink tints in Mrs. Swanson's favor.

A group of of elegant palms thrown into relief the gowns of the receiving line. Governor and Mrs. Swanson were at the head of it. Mrs. Swanson in white, and the Governor in white and gardenias and white orchids.

Receiving Party. The receiving party was given by the Hon. J. W. Swanson, Washington, D. C., and Miss Elizabeth Howry, both of whom were white satin and lace dressmakers; Mrs. E. E. Ward, of Philadelphia, in white lace; Mrs. John K. Otley, of Atlanta, in pale blue; Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, Mrs. Ellyson in white, and Mrs. Ellyson in white; Mrs. George Seay, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray.

Young ladies and gentlemen attending the reception and the dance afterward in Miss Howry's honor were Misses Ella Buck, Virginia McAtee, Frances Myers, Nora Aylett and Anne Keith Royall, Page Leary and Miss McKenney; Messrs. John Aiken, Brahm, Martin, George, and Mr. J. H. King, Robert Lee Powers, Rev. E. Thomas, O. S. B. C. Wherry, Miss Emmie Wherry, Robert C. Thornton, Dr. George Ross, Meade T. Spicer, Charles W. Throckmorton, Anton H. Thiermann, George W. Harrington, W. M. Mr. Charles Cousins Johnson, Mrs. George W. Harrington, Mrs. T. T. Adams, Miss Rena Angus King, Miss Blanche Taylor King, Miss Langley, Miss Tracy, Miss Ellen Danner, Miss Sue M. Danner, Miss Eleanor Somerville, Greenville, Miss. Mrs. Robert G. Houghton, Miss Mary Vass, John H. Southall, Lucy Temple Throckmorton, Mrs. William H. Adams, Miss Helen De Throckmorton, Miss Lucie McGavock Cloyd, Mrs. Meade T. Spicer, Miss Sue F. Roberts, Miss Jennie Roberts and Mrs. Anton Thiermann.

A partial list of others who called during the evening follows: J. L. Arrington, Charles H. Talbot, Jr., Prof. R. E. Blackwell, Captain W. Chase Morton, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Henson, Thomas T. Adams, James P. Henson, his innocent, and says that there has been a mistake, which will be cleared up when the case comes to trial. He was bailed in the sum of \$1,000.

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OFFERS TO-DAY

Men's Suits Which sold up to \$28.00 at \$16.75 for choice.

Men's Overcoats Which sold up to \$8.50 and \$10.00 at \$4.90 for choice.

Boys' Suits

Boys' Overcoats

Boys' Reefers

Men's Hats, Worth Up to \$2.50, at \$1.35 Each

Gans-Rady Company.

CHEVALIER'S BALLOON GOT MANCHESTER THAT EXCITED

Put the Accent on the "That" and You Understand How His Little Wilbur Wright, Bound Somewhere East of Suez, Had Southside by the Ears—Blows Himself for Merry Dancing Crowd.

SOMEbody from Manchester caught the man on watch dog duty in the Times-Dispatch office just about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and shot the excited message over the telephone that an airplane, going south, was passing over Mr. Toney's hotel. "She carries a red light," he shouted, "and I could clearly see a man waving merrily for help."

The dog watch performer caught the rest of the night shift by grabbing the telephone and calling for Chevalier Louie Rochicelli's pleasure counter. "Mistake somewhere," said the chevalier, "for all the gentlemen in Manchester is asleep. That was my ship."

And so it was. Since Wilbur Wright and Count Zeppelin went up into the air, the chevalier has been performing the same stunt, though he never got beyond the ceiling of his pie ampulium. As a dancing party, men, women and basso profundos, went into the shop to dodge the cold winds while waiting for an owl car, the chevalier, being filled with the spirit of the New Year and other things that came over in-jugs, decided to send up one of his "Wilbur Wrights." As the sides boomed out under the flood of gas, the performance was interrupted by a young man, who rushed in and passed the chevalier a dime.

"One seegar," he said, as the dancing crowd looked on. The chevalier rang the cash register on the five spot. "Ring it again," he commanded. "Why sure," said the man, whose name is more easily pronounced than spelled, after which he handed the flash a nickel cigar and winked.

The crowd moved out into the cold, bleak air. The little Wilbur Wright, caught by a shifty breeze, went up like a homebound pigeon, and then curved its way toward the southside.

"Forty cents gone tell," said the chevalier, as she danced away, while the owl car picked up the two-steps going west. He had hurried back into the store, and was doling the imported honors when Manchester got wise.

"You gentlemen don't know how my little ship fills me with pain," he said, "for every time one goes up I want to get aboard for that dear old Italy. Here I am, making money and spending it, and trying to make both ends meet in the middle. Some profits is charged, some go up in balloons, and some fades away like it did the other night, when a society bridge player came in here and tried to finesse a five spot by me for a ten spot. But if I can't get back to Italy it's somewhere east of Suez for me, gentlemen, for the time is coming when a thirsty man in this country won't stand no more show than a fellow who tries to walk through the lower regions with a pair of tallow legs."

MR. BRAXTON CHOSEN Succeeds Judge Leake as Counsel for the R. F. and P. Railroad.

Mr. Allen Caperton Braxton yesterday assumed his duties as counsel for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company to succeed the late Wm. Leake, who died here several weeks ago. The appointment was made by the board of directors several days ago, but it only became effective yesterday.

Mr. Braxton is the senior member of the firm of Braxton, Williams & Eggleston, and is looked upon as one of the ablest and most successful lawyers in the State. Though spending the greater portion of his time here, his residence is in the city of Staunton, which he represented with striking ability in the recent Constitutional Convention. Mr. Braxton was the author of the articles on "The Corporation," which brought the Corporation into being, and he has had many important cases before that body.

RECEPTION AT Y. M. C. A. Two entertainments were given at the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday. In the afternoon Pops Miller's Old South Quartet rendered some choice selections, while the stereopticon pictures of the city of Staunton afforded amusement to the children.

At 8:30 P. M. after the exercises in the gymnasium, the second entertainment of the day was given by the Young Men's Christian Association. It was a musical program, illustrated patriotic songs and hymns were sung by the entire company at the close of the performance.

The association rooms were decorated for the reception, held from 4 until 11 P. M. The ladies' committee had prepared a most excellent supper, serving refreshments on the second floor during these hours.

Had Her Husband Locked Up for Beating Her, but She Weeps on His Neck and Gets Him Out.

After having had her husband put in jail on the charge of beating her and threatening to cut her throat, Mrs. J. T. Hamersley, who lives near Seven Pines, arrived at the county jail bright and cheerful. She was a perfect example of wifely penitence, in spite of the fact that she bore a very black eye as the result of her husband's unprovoked brutality. She was accompanied by her mother, and there took place a tearful and touching reconciliation, much to the disgust of certain county officers who witnessed the scene.

By the time of the arrival of Magistrate Bottoms, who issued the warrant, and who was in the case, the two had patched things up, and the forgiving wife had acknowledged her indiscretion and agreed to "not prosecute." But Mr. Bottoms and Constable Vincent, who made the arrest, came to the conclusion that the laborer was worthy of his hire, and their friends were required to pay the costs of the warrant and its execution as they carried their New Year's resolutions to the Seven Pines car.

MUSIC OVER TELEPHONE Albemarle Club Sorensen's Members Who Could Not Leave Home.

Entertaining on a lavish scale, the Albemarle Club Sorensen's members, who were unable to leave home, celebrated the coming of the year, and to all a cordial welcome was given.

Situated on the basement floor, where there was more room, a most beautiful table, containing all the delicacies in and out of season usual to such a feast, was spread by Manager Charles Sorensen, and left nothing undone to make the occasion a success, and such it was. It was the greatest feature the club had ever had.

Every member dropped in at one time or another, and many of them took a drink from the tremendous supply of champagne, which was served in the hall. The evening was greatly enlivened by music from an orchestra. To some of the members, the music being heard with great distinctness.

The house was decorated in palms and ferns and other greens, and presented a pretty spectacle. There was nothing lacking in the eating and drinking line, for Manager Sorensen had spent several days in seeing that everything that was needed was supplied.

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